ſlands of *America*. When they eat, they ſit upon their hind legs like a ſquirrel, and hold their food, which is roots, berries, and cedar nuts, with their fore feet. They are pretty to look at, and whiſtle ſurpriſingly loud. No body thinks 1his while to hunt ermines *, weaſels †, or common marmottas ‡, unleſs by chance they meet with them; ſo that one cannot reckon ermines amongſt the furrs of *Kamtſchatka*. But there is a creature of the weaſel kind, called the glutton ‖, whoſe furr is ſo greatly eſteemed above all others, that when they would deſcribe a man moſt richly attired, they ſay that he is cloathed with the furr of the glutton. The women of *Kamtſchatka* dreſs their hair with the white paws of this animal, and reckon them a very great ornament. However, the *Kamtſchadales* kill ſo few of them, that they not only have not enough for exportation, but even import ſome from *Jakutſki* at a very great price. They put the greater value upon the furr of the glutton the whiter and yellower it is, although every where elſe this ſort is deſpiſed: nay, they eſteem it ſo much, that they ſay the heavenly beings wear no other garments than of this furr; nor can they make their wives or miſtreſſes a greater preſent than of one of theſe ſkins, which was formerly ſold for thirty, and even ſixty rubles; and for the two paws which the women wear in their hair, they ſometimes give one, and ſometimes two ſea beavers. The greateſt number of theſe gluttons is found near *Karaga*, *Andirſka*, and *Kolima*. They have a ſurpriſing dexte-

* Ermineum majus. GMEL.
† Ermineum minor. Ejuſdem.
‡ Marmotta vulgaris. Ejuſdem.
‖ Muſtella rufo-fuſca, medio dorſo nigro. LINN.

1 [Original torn. Probably "it worth"